(b) the total numbr of such ventures introduced through automatic route despite the foreign companies already having joint ventures in the same or allied field; and

(c) the amount of FDI involved in such ventures?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) to (c) 14551 proposals involving foreign financial and technical collaboration with total Foreign Direct Investment amounting to Rs. 181391.55 crore have been approved from January, 1991 up to December, 31, 1998. As per Press Note No. 18 of 1998 Series dated 14.12.98 read with Press Release dated 14.1.99 foreign financial and technical collaborators with previous or existing joint ventures in India can no longer access the Automatic Approval Route for promoting new ventures (either partially or wholly owned) in the same or allied activity in which there are/or have been existing earlier ventures involving the same collaborator. No such case has been reported after the issue of the above said Press Note.

Growth centres in the country

1301. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the development of growth centres in the country; state-wise;

(b) the release of funds by the Government to strengthen these growth centres; and

(c) the present status of each growth centre?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) to (c) The information is as per the attached annexure which is based on the information supplied by the States. (*See* Appendix 186, Annexure No-24)

Revival of sick SSIs

1302. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various small scale industries functioning at present in different States of the country, particularly in the North-eastern region are sick and need to be revived; and

(b) if so, the details of the steps being taken by Government to revive all these sick units of the country?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BHKHT): (a) as per the data collected by the Reserve Bank of India at the end of March, 1998, there were 2,21,536 sick Small Scale Industries in the country including North-Eastern Region, out of which 18,686 units were identified as potentially viable. Banks have already put 13,063 sick small scale units under nursing. The State-wise details for number of sick small scale industries, potentially viable industries and sick units put under nursing are given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(b) Government have taken various steps from time to time for the revival of potentially viable sick small scale units. These include modification in definition of sick small scale units, reduced rate of interest for rehabilitation, prompt viability studies/nursing programmes of identified sick units, setting up of cells at important regional centres and Head Office to deal with sick industrial units and provision of expert staff, including technical personnel to look into technical aspects. State Level Inter-Institutional Committees exist under the Chairmanship of secretary (Industries) of the State Government including North-Eastern Region for revival of sick units.

Statement

State-Wise Data on sick Small Scale Industries, Potentially Viable and Under Nursing (At the end of March, 1998)

State / Union Territory	No. of sick SSI units	No. of potentially viable units	Of viable units those put under nursing
Assam	15774	457	394
Meghalaya	4076	12	10
Mizoram	615	0	0
Bihar	24935	269	114
Arunachal Pradesh	456	0	0
West Bengal	53617	9935	9833
Nagaland	1386	0	0
Manipur	1919	162	162
Orissa	1889	399	62
Sikkim	33	1	1
Tripura	2011	6	6
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	45	1	1
Uttar Pradesh	14294	593	125
Delhi	3580	57	19
Punjab	2376	75	48
Haryana	2149	26	8
Chandigarh	163	5	2
Jammu & Kashmir	1627	8	4
Himachal Pradesh	735	4	3
Rajasthan	15655	53	36
Gujarat	6808	315	144
Maharashtra	17925	1593	379
Daman & Diu	5	0	0
Goa	670	96	65
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	2	1	1
Madhya Pradesh	8348	176	45
Andhra Pradesh	12074	2453	850
Karnataka	6680	438	176
Lakshadweep	0	0	0
Tamil Nadu	12289	957	344
Kerala	8969	549	208
pondichery	431	45	23
TOTAL	*221536*	*18686*	*13063*

औद्योगिक निवेश में असमानता

1303. **श्री नरेश यादव:** क्या **उद्योग** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या देश के अनेक भागों में औद्योगिक क्षेत्र में किया गया निवेश बराबर नहीं है और इसमें अत्यधिक असमानता है;

(ख) क्या सरकार द्वारा औद्योगिक विकास तथा निवेश के लिए पिछड़े राज्यों की पहचान कर ली गई है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इन राज्यों में औद्योगिक विकास तथा निवेश को बढ़ावा देने और निवेश में वृद्धि करने के लिए क्या-क्या उचित कदम उठाये जाने का प्रस्ताव है; और

(घ) क्या सरकार ने निजी उपक्रमों को इन राज्यों में निवेश को प्राथमिकता देने का सुझाव दिया है?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री सिकन्दर बख्त): (क) से (घ) नयी औद्योगिक नीति की घोषणा के बाद से उद्यमी